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24. (Amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the weight ratio of hardener to resin is 1:3.5-1:2.

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26. (Amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

Add the following new claims:

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31. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

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32. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount greater than zero and less than 20% by weight.

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33. (New) A hardener composition for use in a method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight and further comprises a thickener and a volatile acid, wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands or by means of spraying, or any combination thereof, in optional order of application.

34. (New) Hardener composition according to claim 33, wherein it comprises volatile acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

35. (New) Hardener composition according to claim 33, wherein the volatile acid is formic acid, acetic acid, or pyrovic acid.